

Cobb Officially Declared Champion Batsman of World

CONSOLVO MUST YIELD OR LOSE SALE MONEY

Norfolk Muddle Nearing End of Tangle, and Cloud Breaks.

WILLIAMS READY TO PAY THE PRICE

Bradley Tells of Plans for Next Season and Promises Real Baseball With a Real Manager—Admits Mistakes of Last Year and Intends to Profit by Them.

Matters are rapidly righting themselves in the Virginia League squabble, and unless Charles H. Consolvo, holder of a majority of the stock in the Norfolk baseball club, didn't mean what he said at the league meeting, when he announced his club's franchise for sale, some amicable arrangement should be made in the next few days whereby the Norfolk aggregation will come peacefully back into the fold and all go merry as a wedding bell.

In a letter to W. B. Bradley, President Williams states that he has arranged to secure enough money to purchase the Norfolk franchise outright, but that he prefers to have the club remain as it was last year; that is, with Consolvo still interested. If, however, he will not listen to reason, then it is proposed to pay him his price, provided this price is not in excess of the amount he paid to Otto Wells. Williams is of the opinion that in view of the fact that the Norfolk club has not made any money, such an offer would be both fair and just.

Consolvo has written to Bradley, too, and the Norfolk man, while perfectly willing to talk with Williams, stated that he did not see how they could come together, as their opinions were widely differed. However, Consolvo did not know of the money offer at the time, and this will doubtless make all of the difference in the world.

The matter resolves itself into simply this: whether Consolvo will be amenable to reason in case the Virginia League as little trouble as possible, or whether he is determined to live up to his manifesto made at the meeting and continue the fight. In the event that he remains steadfast in his determination to fight he will put the league to the expense of establishing a park, but, incidentally, he will lose the purchase money for his team, a not desirable feature in view of the initial investment.

The Eastern Virginia League is a financial impossibility, regardless of its desirability. With a \$1,200 salary limit, exclusive of a playing manager, such a league could not exist until July 4. There is no need for the men who proposed this fly-by-night scheme to fool themselves, for that's what they are doing if serious consideration is given the matter. It is all right to throw a tragic bomb at the feet of the old clubs, but after the fuse fizzled and the bomb failed to go off Consolvo and his crowd should take their medicine and act like real sportsmen. If they don't want to stick in the Virginia League because they think it is a losing game, all right; but then let some one who thinks it a winner step in and take hold of the reins.

Due to Norfolk's mismanagement, there are five clubs in the league who think that the misfortune which fell to the Norfolk club during the past two seasons in the financial line was due more to mismanagement than to any fault of the other teams. But admitting that Danville should have been dropped, it was Norfolk's fault that there was no action taken. With three weeks' knowledge that the meeting would take place, the coast contingent failed to arrive on time, and when actually in the city nearly two hours were lost because of a quail supper.

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CAROLINA PLAYS MISERABLE GAME

Greatly Outweighed Davidson Team Defeats University by 6 to 0 Score.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlotte, N. C., October 15.—Davidson College today won its most sanguine supporters to a genuine surprise this afternoon by defeating the University of North Carolina eleven, 6 to 0, on the local gridiron. This is the first time the Presbyterians ever scored against the varsity team, and the victory was more notable because the team was completely outweighed at least forty pounds to the man. Carolina played a lifeless game. There was some fair individual play, but the team work was miserable, and the Presbyterians outplayed them at every point. A tragedy of football was responsible for the score. Davidson made in the last quarter. The line-up follows:
Davidson. Position. Carolina.
McQueen, center. Thompson.
Thompson, left guard. Thompson.
Neill, left tackle. Garrett.
(Alender)
Katz, left end. Winston.
Wolfe, right guard. McLean.
Cashion, right tackle. Abernathy.
Richardson, right end. Venable.
(Hendricks)
Pharr, right half. Calmes.
Harrin, left half. Ruffin.
Booe, fullback. Porter.
Graham, quarterback. Belk.
Curtis, fullback. Tillet.
Referee—Barry, of Norfolk. Linesman—Stewart. Umpire—John A. Gibbs. Field Judge—Dr. John McConnell. Quarters twelve and ten minutes.

GAME MARRED BY FIGHTS.

Vanderbilt Wins from Tennessee by Score of Eighteen to Nothing.
Nashville, Tenn., October 15.—Tennessee furnished a bitter opposition that Vanderbilt looked for today, and while the Commodores scored eighteen points, winning by this margin, it was only by the most desperate sort of work. Tennessee not only battled so fiercely that she stopped Vanderbilt at times, but gained ground and repeatedly threatened the Commodore's goal. The game was marred by several personal encounters.

FISHBURNE DEFEATED.

Loses Game to Staunton Military Academy by 5-to-0 Score.
Staunton, Va., October 15.—A large crowd saw the Fishburne Military School, of Waynesboro, go down in defeat before the strong eleven of the Staunton Military Academy here this afternoon by the score of 5 to 0. Caruthers, of S. M. A., who made the touchdown, afterwards suffered a broken shoulderblade, and had to retire.

Cotton Sales at Veldoboro.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Goldboro, N. C., October 15.—The price of cotton was 15 cents on the local market today. About 500 bales were sold on this market this week. The tobacco sales have also been heavy and brought high prices.

FAST TECH ELEVEN DEFEATS MARYLAND

In Game Full of Brilliant Plays V. P. I. Outshines Rivals and Wins Before Large Crowd Gathered to See Game and Track Meet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Blacksburg, Va., October 15.—Two touchdowns and a drop kick gave V. P. I. victory by a score of 13 to 0 over Western Maryland here this afternoon, this being the team that won the championship of Maryland last year. It was the first time the schools have met in an athletic contest, and the last game of the season on the home grounds.

The Techs' goal was never in danger but once, and the visitors lost their only chance to score on downs in the third quarter. Berrier made the only chance to score on downs the first touchdown on a thirty-yard run around end in the first few minutes of play, and Captain Hodgson, the second after a series of plunges from the forty-yard line. V. R. Leggs

LEADING BATSMEN OF WORLD



TY COBB.

Champion batsman and winner of the automobile over Napoleon Lajoie in the contest.



LARRY LAJOIE.

Rival of Cobb and who was unofficially declared champion. Official figures disproved his claim.

ROCK HILL HOLDS RICHMOND TO TIE

Both Teams Fight Hard, But Marylanders Too Strong.

ROCK HILLSPEEDY; NO SCORE RESULTS

College Receives Surprise, as Easy Victory Had Been Anticipated—Coach Long Is Displeased at Showing Made. Spectators See Spectacular Contest.

Surprise stalked brazenly over Broad Street Park yesterday afternoon when the lightweights from Rock Hill College gamely held the much heavier Richmond College eleven to a tie score, neither side being able to cross the goal line. It was one of those battles usually productive of high hopes on one side and chagrin on the other. The Maryland lads showed by far the greater grit and played as good a defensive game as will be witnessed in Richmond during the football season, regardless of the combatants.

From the time the first forward pass was attempted by Richmond in the first moments of play, until, with darkness rapidly approaching, the referee blew his whistle on the last quarter, the Marylanders never gave up, and for "sticktoitiveness" should certainly be accorded the palm.

Five separate and distinct times Richmond carried the ball within kicking distance of the opponent's goal only to be confronted with the sturdiest kind of resistance. Five different times was Richmond held for downs by the visitors when a score seemed inevitable. Coach Long strolled the side lines and gnashed his teeth, but to no avail. Trick plays, forward passes, straight football, nothing availed, and the finish found the two teams on an even basis.

Kicking Game Is Played.
Kicking played no small part in the effort of the Marylanders to keep Richmond from scoring. Not once did Rock Hill attempt to advance the ball except through the ability of Fucy, the scrappy little quarterback, in booting the pigskin.

And not once did his trusty toe fail. On every exhortation of punts—and Richmond was forced to resort to this expedient on more than one occasion—Fucy came through. It was due entirely to the ability of Fucy in the kicking line that Maryland kept the score sheet clear.

From the beginning it was clearly evidenced that the lighter men must play a defensive game. Richmond advanced the ball enough yards to win almost any contest. But when the crucial moment came the old rock was found to be of gibraltar strength and never wavered. It was a great game from any standpoint and the 500 spectators never lacked excitement. Time and again Richmond swept the

SOME LIGHT NOW ON PENALTIES

Football Enthusiasts Told Why Teams Are Penalized by Officials.

This season, more than ever before, the football spectators are at a loss as to why the various penalties are imposed, and why, now and then, for no apparent reason, the attacking eleven is forced to relinquish possession of the ball. Penalties for infractions of the football rules are very numerous and for the benefit of the spectators

KETCHELL DEAD



STANLEY KETCHELL, the Illinois Thunderbolt and clever boxer, who died last night as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted while he was a guest of R. Dickinson on his farm at Conway, Mo. Ketchell was regarded as one of the gamest men who ever entered a prize ring, and his fight with Jack Johnson, not so long ago, is well remembered. He always cherished the hope that he might again have a chance at the big smoke.

ST. JOHN'S FALLS BEFORE VIRGINIA

University Eleven Puts Up Cleverest Game of Season.

FAST PLAY TOO MUCH FOR CADETS

Final Score Is 29 to 0, Which Is Nearly Double That Made Against Same Team by Annapolis Eleven—Fumbles Only Thing That Mar Game.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlottesville, Va., October 15.—Displaying a brand of football far superior to any shown on Lambseth field this season, the Virginia team defeated the St. John's eleven of Annapolis this afternoon in a spectacular game, by a score of 29 to 0, nearly doubling the score made by the Navy against St. John's.

The Orange and Blue men played with a dash and fire that carried the visiting cadets off their feet, and in the first half they secured three touchdowns. It was only in the third quarter, when the Virginia men seemed fatigued from the heat and the fast pace set in the first half, that the Marylanders were able to check Virginia's advance.

The locals struck their stride again in the final quarter, and scored two touchdowns in six minutes of play. Barrington fumbled Virginia's work throughout was highly creditable. Honaker at quarter ran the team very cleverly, and he, Todd, Goodhue and Driver in the backfield, proved consistent gainers both on end runs and line plunges.

Geyer Plays Star Game.
Captain Geyer put up a star game, his tackling proving one of the features of the contest. More than once he crossed over and caught the St. John's backs from behind. He followed the ball closely, and twice recovered fumbled punts.

The first touchdown came early in the first quarter.
After several exchanges of kicks Virginia secured the ball near midfield, and despite a penalty for offside play, took the ball straight down the field. A forward pass to Bowen landed the ball on St. John's fifteen-yard line, and in two plays Goodhue crossed the goal line. Todd kicked goal.

Spectacular runs by Honaker and Todd soon placed the pigskin on St. John's twenty-yard line, where Todd failed at a try for goal from the field. The cadets kicked out from the twenty-five-yard line. Honaker skirted left and for twenty yards, and Todd added fifteen around the other end. The period ended with the ball on St. John's five-yard line.

When play was resumed only two plays were needed for a touchdown.

BOTH TEAMS WAITING ON EDGE FOR BATTLE

Cobb Is Declared Champion Batsman

Chicago, Ill., October 15.—Ty Cobb, by official verdict of President Johnson to-day, was the leading batsman of the American League during the last season, with a winning percentage over Larry Lajoie of Cleveland, of .800860. As the National Leaguers dropped out of the batting contest some time ago, President Johnson's announcement means that Cobb is the champion batter of the country. The automobile, over which trophy there has been so much excitement, and not a little criticism, goes to the Detroit, but the Cleveland champion, by permission of Mr. Johnson, will be allowed to accept a duplicate.

Third Baseman Corriden, of St. Louis, is vindicated in the statement, and Umpire Evans is quoted as saying that not only were Lajoie's eight hits all legitimate, but that he really should have been credited with nine hits.

Mr. Johnson stated that he has requested President Hedges, of the St. Louis club, to probe further the charge that Lajoie was one connected with his club attempted to influence the official scorer.

End of Golf Tournament.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., October 15.—The tournament for the tennis championship of the Oakwood Club, which has been on for two weeks, concluded to-day. Owen C. Shiner defeated S. Duval Martin in the finals in straight sets—6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

Harvard Wins.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Cambridge, October 15.—In the midst of a driving rain-storm, which continued through the whole game, Harvard overcame the light and plucky Amherst eleven this afternoon 17 to 0. The visitors were outweighed and outclassed man to man, and only the clever putting of Cree prevented a much larger score.

CHAMPIONS WIN FROM ALL-STARS

Picked Team Loses First Game of Series to Philadelphia.

POST SEASON SERIES.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
All-Stars	4	1	.800
Athletics	1	4	.200

Philadelphia, Pa., October 15.—The final game of the series between the All-Stars, of the American League, and the Philadelphia American League Champions was played to-day and resulted in a victory for the latter, 3 to 0. The series resulted in four victories for the All-Stars and one for the Champions. The Philadelphia men put up their best exhibition of the week, and their work was almost perfect. The All-Stars and Krause each pitched three innings, the former allowing two hits, Plank one and Krause none. The score follows:
All-Stars.
Milan, cf., 4 0 0 0 0
Cunningham, 1b., 3 0 0 0 0
Speaker, cf., 1 1 0 0 0
Eberfeld, 3b., 3 0 0 0 0
Cobb, rf., 2 0 0 0 0
Davis, 2b., 2 0 0 0 0
Stahl, 1b., 2 0 12 0 0
McElride, ss., 2 0 0 0 0
Street, c., 2 4 0 0 0
Donohue, p., 1 0 0 0 0
Walsh, p., 2 1 0 0 0
Totals 25 3 24 11 0

Philadelphia.

AB.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Hartsel, if., 4	0	0	0	0
McInnis, cf., 3	1	0	0	0
Collins, 2b., 3	0	1	0	0
Baker, 3b., 3	1	1	0	0
Davis, 2b., 2	0	12	0	0
Murphy, rf., 2	0	0	0	0
Barry, ss., 2	1	3	0	0
Livingston, c., 1	1	4	0	0
Bender, p., 1	0	0	0	0
Plank, p., 1	0	0	0	0
Krause, p., 2	0	0	0	0
Totals 25	6	27	11	0

Score by innings:
1. Philadelphia 3, All-Stars 0.
2. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
3. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
4. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
5. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
6. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
7. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
8. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
9. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.
10. Philadelphia 0, All-Stars 0.

Union Station won a victory to her long string by defeating the last Western team, the Cardinals, yesterday, by a score of 3 to 0, before a large crowd.

NORFOLK WINS IN INTERCITY MATCH

Defeats Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia in Hard-Fought Battles at Country Club of Virginia.

Before the largest and most representative crowd that ever assembled to witness any athletic sport at the Country Club of Virginia, Norfolk defeated Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia in hard-fought battles at the Country Club of Virginia.

Champion Falltossers Prepared to Contest for Supremacy.

THOUSANDS ARE EAGER FOR FRAY

Cubs Are Favorites at Odds of 10 to 9—Mack Says All-Star Team Won Because Athletics Did Not Exert Themselves—Oldring Is Out of Game.

Got your bet down yet? No? Well, it's about time you were picking your favorites, for they're right at the post waiting for the word.

And what a race it is going to be! Thousands upon thousands of wild enthusiasts, scrambling, jostling, tossing, yelling, screaming, bellowing, each for his favorite. Come on, you Cub! Soak it, you Mackmen! And countless like expressions from the husky throats of a seething, surging multitude.

But this is by no means all of the story. On the outside of the ball park will be an equally enthusiastic assembly, though every one will be mad clean through; mad from the top of their heads to the bottom of their boots. These will be the ones who came off second best when the cards were shuffled and the tickets dealt out.

Some twenty thousand requests for seats in the two parks have been turned down. Not because the magnates didn't want the money! But because

YALE DEFEATED BY WEST POINT

Use of "New Game" Tactics Brings Victory to Army Eleven.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
West Point, N. Y., October 15.—A fast-running, accurate-catching, splendid-kicking Army team defeated Yale here this afternoon by a score of 3 to 0. The "new game" won for the Cadets. The greatest gains were on forward passes, and their one touchdown was a direct result of three of these plays. Their other points came from a clever goal from placement. Yale's solitary score was made by a last-minute desperate chance, a drop kick. The usual strength and ground-gaining ability of the Blue seemed to be missing. There was an air of bewilderment at the Army's speed and dash.

The line-up:
Army. Positions. Yale.
Brown, right half back. Daly.
Speaker, cf. (captain)
Surles, full back. Riley.
(McDonald)
Dean, left half back. Dwing.
Jivatt, quarter back. Corey.
(Merritt)
Hicks, right end. Brooks.
(Camp)
Devore, right tackle. Paul.
Walmsey, right guard. Burroughs.
(Fuller)
Arnold, center. Morris.
Wier, left guard. Greenough.
(Kessler)
Littlejohn, left tackle. Francis.
Wood, left end. Kilpatrick.
(Frankie)
Summary: Touchdown, Dean. Goal from touchdown, Dean. Goal from placement, Dean. Goal from field, Daly. Referee, Pendleton, of Bowdoin. Umpire, Williams, of Pennsylvania. Line Judge, Fultz, of Brown. Head Line Judge, Glendler, of Pennsylvania. Time of quarters, ten minutes.

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Union Station will play the C. C. A. Doyle, one of the greatest tacklers on the list, in the final game of the season. Union Station has won twenty-two and lost only seven games this season.

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